

# REVELATION

## Sermon Points

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Title: Revelation of Jesus

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- **Main Point:** As we await Jesus' future return, He has specific words of affirmation, admonishment, and assurance for us His church right now, revealing Himself - in all His glory - as the blessed remedy we need.
- Revelation, for many people, is:
  - **Confusing**
  - **Strange**
  - **Scary**
  - **Exclusive**
  - **Ethereal**
  - **Futuristic**
  - **Unimportant**
  - **Debated**

"Revelation shows us:  
the opposition we can expect to escalate  
the endurance we need to cultivate  
the judgment we will celebrate  
the victory in which we will participate  
the enemy Jesus will annihilate  
the sorrow he will alleviate  
the creation he will regenerate  
the marriage he will consummate  
the whole we can anticipate  
....That's what I call blessed."  
- Nancy Guthrie

### Things to remember regarding the book of Revelation:

1. This is meant to be Understood!
2. This is for you!
3. This matters, and matters now!
4. This provides an incredible blessing!

### What is Jesus speaking to you today? What is your spiritual condition?

- **Ephesus** - Has my love for Jesus and his people grown cold? Is there a time when it was stronger than now?
- **Smyrna** - Am I willing to suffer for Jesus without relief, or do I need to adjust my expectations away from a life protected from suffering?
- **Pergamum** - Where is there compromise that threatens my relationship with Jesus and witness for Jesus - in the entertainment I consume, the moral standards I hold, the laxness of sexual purity, the money I spend, the time and attention I give to media, politics, hobbies, and other escapes?
- **Thyatira** - Have I been seduced by voices that twist Scripture and justify sin and idolatry? What teaching am I unwisely tolerating?
- **Sardis** - Do I appear more spiritual and holy on the outside than I am on the inside? Is my soul and relationship with God more dead than alive?
- **Philadelphia** - Am I persisting in unseen faithfulness to Jesus, or am I caught in the trap of seeking recognition or position for my devotion?
- **Laodicea** - Has material comfort and stability lulled me to self-sufficiency, indifference, and blindness spiritually?